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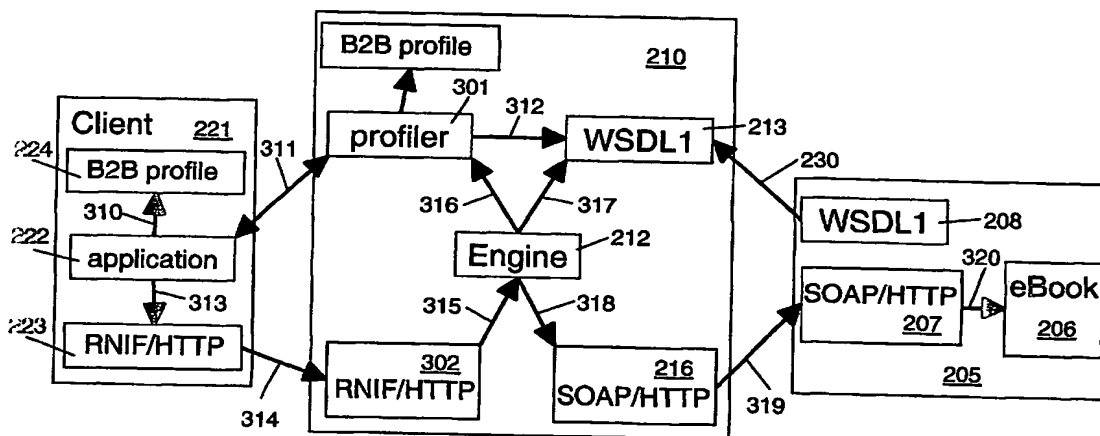
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way which provides support for business services which are described using a particular document format, for example Web Service  
Definition Language (WSDL), to further provide support for business services which are described using a different document for-  
mat, for example in a business to business (b2b) profile such as specified by RosettaNet. The business service provides its profile  
to the gateway which generates a document from the profile and then uses the generated document to enable a web client, which  
recognises the document format but not the profile format, to access the web service via the gateway.

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